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The EPA's eight public hearings in Anchorage, Seattle and six Bristol Bay communities were well attended, many packed with standing room only, and crowds overwhelmingly supportive of EPA action to protect Bristol Bay. Nearly 2300 people attended the meetings, and more than 450 testified. More than 93% of speakers at the six Bristol Bay hearings spoke in favor of protecting the region from Pebble Mine – an astounding and perhaps unprecedented show of unity in the region. The diverse crowds included broad representation of tribal members, commercial fishermen, subsistence harvesters, the Bristol Bay Native Corporation and others. As many said, EPA is not an outsider intruder, it is an invited and needed guest. The meetings were covered widely in Alaska, including through the AP, which sent the story out on its national wire. At the same time, the Pebble Partnership and some of its allies pressed for a 120-day extension of the EPA's 60-day public comment period. The New York Times weighed in with a second editorial that calls Bristol Bay's one of the richest salmon fisheries in the world and the proposed Pebble Mine "a cause for alarm." It adds that the EPA's watershed assessment reinforces the fears, writing: "A big operation like Pebble, it says, would destroy 54 miles to 87.9 miles of critical streams and up to 6.7 square miles of wetlands. Beyond that is the threat of catastrophic failure of the huge man-made reservoirs known as "tailing ponds" where mining companies typically store toxic acids, metals and other mining wastes. If that happens, spawning streams would be widely polluted and future salmon harvests sharply diminished." It concludes that all the factors in this situation, "suggests the risks are too high." And, a letter to the editor writer in Minnesota shares the many ways Bristol Bay weaves through his family life and 28 seasons there. Bob White writes: "I adamantly oppose the Pebble Mine. The EPA unequivocally confirms Bristol Bay's value, and shows that it must be protected from what would be North America's largest open-pit mine, a mine that's 20 times larger than all of the mines in Alaska combined."

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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A Threat to Bristol Bay Editorial

The New York Times

The possibility that a giant gold-and-copper mine might someday be built near the headwaters that feed Bristol Bay in Alaska, one of the richest salmon fisheries in the world, is cause for alarm. A new report from the Environmental Protection Agency reinforces those fears...Click here to read more

EPA sees Alaska Watershed Study as 'Example' of Sustainable Approach

Inside EPA Weekly Report

EPA's top scientist is pointing to the agency's just-released draft study on the effects of mining on salmon fisheries in Alaska's Bristol Bay as an "example" of the holistic, sustainable approach that the agency is weighing, but an environmentalist says the study may only be a model in the few cases where EPA is considering whether to block permits under the Clean Water Act (CWA)...Click here to read more

Alaskans comment on EPA's Bristol Bay mining study

AP

Ventura County Star and Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

Alaskans alternately thanked the Environmental Protection Agency or told its representatives to back off Monday night at a hearing on the federal agency's draft study of the effects of large-scale mining on the headwaters of Bristol Bay...Click here to read more

Thank You: Inspired by Bristol Bay

Bob White, Marine on St. Croix MN

St. Paul Pioneer Press

I'm encouraged by the recent coverage of the Environmental Protection Agency's watershed assessment for Alaska's Bristol Bay region. The comprehensive report accurately details Bristol Bay's irreplaceable resources and finds them unequalled the world over...Click here to read more

Cross-section of fishing, business interests turn out for EPA hearing

Margaret Bauman

The Cordova Times

What the Environmental Protection Agency sought was a critique of its draft Bristol Bay watershed assessment, but most of the folks who waited up to four hours to comment focused directly on the issue of whether to build the Pebble mine or not...Click here to read more

Murkowski, Young propose extending Bristol Bay comment period

Alaska Dispatch, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, and Anchorage Daily News

Members of Alaska's congressional delegation are joining the state's attorney general in asking that the public be given more time to comment on a study looking at the impacts of mining in the Bristol Bay region...Click here to read more

EPA holds Public Meeting on Assessment of Bristol Bay Watershed

Megan Mazurek

Your Alaska Link

The Environmental Protection Agency holds its first public meeting on a risk assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed and the types of potential impact a large scale mining project, like Pebble Mine, would have on the area and its world class fishery...Click here to read more

EPA Study of hypothetical copper mine divides backers, foes

Jeff Rhodes

The Olympia Report

Dozens of environmental activists, commercial fishermen and sportsmen took turns testifying on Thursday during a three-hour public hearing in opposition to a plan to develop a large-scale mining operation within Alaska's sprawling Bristol Bay Watershed...Click here to read more

Review Panel Selected for EPA Mine Study

AP

The Republic

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced a 12-member peer review panel that will evaluate an agency draft study of the impacts of mining on the Bristol Bay region...Click here to read more

EPA Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment Draws Hundreds in Anchorage

Daysha Eaton, KSKA

Alaska Public Radio

An estimated 900 people packed the Wendy Williamson Auditorium at UAA in Anchorage for a presentation and public comment on the draft assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed. The document is the Environmental Protection Agency's take on the impact that a large mine such as the Pebble Mine could have in Southwest Alaska...Click here to read more

Public Weighs in on EPA's Bristol Bay Assessment

Corey Allen-Young

KTVB

The future of the Pebble Mine project took center stage in Anchorage Monday as the public got to weigh in on the Environmental Protection Agency's study on the proposed mine's location in Bristol Bay and how the area's resources could be affected...Click here to read more and watch video

EPA assessment of Pebble gets blasted, praised by hundreds at meeting

Alex DeMarban

Alaska Dispatch

Hundreds of people filled an Anchorage auditorium on Monday night to give their view of a controversial draft watershed assessment of Bristol Bay and the massive Pebble Project, a document that may help the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency stop the project before permitting even begins...Click here to read more

EPA Bristol Bay mining study gets support, criticism at hearing

Dan Joling, AP

Anchorage Daily News and Bloomberg BusinessWeek

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Alaska News Nightly: EPA Holding Bristol Bay Watershed Draft Assessment Public Comment Hearings

Peter Granitz

Alaska Public Radio

The EPA is holding a public comment hearing on its draft assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed...[Click here to read more](#)

Salmon Fusion

Kimberly Hursh

Willamette Week

Roger Mumm caught too many fish. From the frigid Alaskan waters of Bristol Bay, he pulled more than 6,000 pounds of salmon...[Click here to read more](#)

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